

St Andrew's, Chesterton

All-Age Communion

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Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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We are welcomed

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The service is introduced

1. All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust ;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought :
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.
4. Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow ;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.
5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

We say sorry

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

We hear of God's forgiveness

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray the Collect Prayer

**God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

We hear our New Testament reading: Ephesians 1.3-13

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in
the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before
the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before
him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children
through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his
will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely
bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have
redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our
trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he

lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We hear our Gospel Reading: John 20.19-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We explore God's Word to us

Poem: Perambulating Paths

At the top of our staircase,
 we turn around
 to see the sculpture.

Lit by a window,
 from the right;

Flattered by a mobile,
 from the left;

Faced by a mirror,
 long, behind us;

Hangs the maquette
 of The Way of Life
 for Ely Cathedral.

Seen from below,
 four paths meander and
 circumambulate,
 in one way.

Roots in the earth
 rise in slender shapes,
 swimming upwards,
 seeking conception:

Logos spermatikos.

Swirling paths with
 four-fold layers,

move upwards and
 sometimes downwards,
 like snakes and ladders.

Eventually,
 at the top of our tails,
 We arrive at
 God's joy in Christ:
 The *Logos*.

Christ attracts and draws us.
 As rivers feel their way
 to the sea,
 We gravitate to the
 Lord of glory,
 Who weighs not our sins
 to our charge,
 But directs our desires,
 for our change.

Seen from above,
 Christ in splendour,
 like a candle,
 Pours the wax of his Spirit
 on his Apostles,
 who proceed in
 perambulating paths.

Background of crimson,
 like a robe;
 Golden effulgence,
 risen Christ;
 Silver aluminium,
 Apostolic mission.

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We sing

1. There is a Redeemer,
 Jesus, God's own Son,
 precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
 Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
 for giving us your Son,
 and leaving your Spirit
 till the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus my Redeemer,
 Name above all names,
 precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
 O for sinners slain:

Thank you, O my Father,...

3. When I stand in glory
 I will see his face,
 and there I'll serve my King for ever
 in that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father,...



Maquette (2000), in the home of Alison and Graham Kings, of *The Way of Life* sculpture (2001) by Jonathan Clarke in Ely Cathedral.

We say together what we believe

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We share a time of prayer

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We share the Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.



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We sing during our Offertory

I Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 6 Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for God's mighty acts, and we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of
might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes
in the name, he who comes in the name of the
Lord, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*The President continues with the words of consecration, leading
to the response:*

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic prayer continues, and concludes
Amen.*

We kneel and keep a moment's silence

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We sing the Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and people receive communion. Visitors who are
communicant members of their home churches are welcome to
receive communion at St Andrew's. If you would prefer to receive a
blessing instead, please signify this by bringing your order of service
with you.*

*There may be two communion stations – one at the Nave altar
(which is the only place that offers the option to receive the bread
dipped in the wine by the priest), and one at the South Aisle altar to
kneel. Gluten-free bread is available. Please request it.*

We pray after Communion

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies**

**to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

We sing

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

*We very much hope you have enjoyed joining us for worship at St
Andrew's Chesterton this morning. If you are new or visiting,
please do join us for refreshments in the churchyard outside
(weather permitting!).*

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our Weekly News email, please fill out a contact card.*